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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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May 9, 2008

Sir:

Applicants respectfully acknowledge the Notice of Allowance mailed April 21, 2008 in connection with the above-identified application.

However, Applicants received an Office Communication (Communication) dated April 23, 2008 (copy enclosed) regarding a notice of an improper Request for Continued Examination (RCE), which was filed on January 2, 2008. The Communication states that Applicants improperly attempted to incorporate by reference an Amendment filed on July 27, 2007, thereby rendering the RCE improper.

In addition, the Communication states that the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) does not recognize the Request for Suspension of Action as filed concurrently with the RCE and requested submission of a proper Suspension of Action.